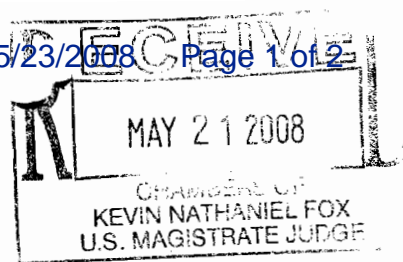


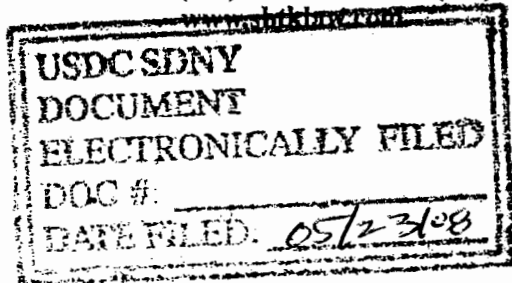


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**VIA FACSIMILE**

The Honorable Kevin Nathaniel Fox  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

**Rc: *Proesel, et al. v. Colgate-Palmolive Co., et al.*, No. 07-9515 ("Proesel")  
*Caufield v. Colgate-Palmolive Co., et al.*, No. 08-03316 ("Caufield")  
*Abelman, et al. v. Colgate-Palmolive Co., et al.*, No. 08-03317 ("Abelman")**

Dear Judge Fox:

The undersigned represent the Plaintiffs in the *Proesel* case referenced above. We write with respect to the above-referenced cases which have been referred to your Honor for general pre-trial purposes by order of the Honorable Barbara Jones. Each of the cases contain similar allegations and are brought pursuant to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") against overlapping defendants. Currently, two of the cases, *Abelman* and *Proesel* are scheduled for a pretrial conference on May 27, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., respectively. *Caufield* has not yet been scheduled for a pre-trial conference.

Because of the substantial similarities of all three cases, Plaintiffs in all three cases intend to jointly file a motion to consolidate the cases within the next seven days in order to facilitate efficient management. As such, the *Proesel* Plaintiffs propose that the upcoming pre-trial conferences, in the *Proesel* and *Abelman* cases, be adjourned until a decision on Plaintiffs' motion to consolidate the three cases. The undersigned held a telephonic conference with defense counsel today and they are

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Application granted.  
The parties shall advise the  
Court expeditiously of the decision  
on the contemplated motion to  
consolidate.

SO ORDERED;  
*Kevin Nathaniel Fox*  
KEVIN NATHANIEL FOX, U.S.M.J.

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not opposed to this request. Plaintiffs' counsel in *Caufield* and *Abelman* join with the undersigned in making this request. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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